

Next Meeting: May 4, 2005

10:00 a.m. – Thorburn Center – Ingham ISD (Rooms B and C)

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 6, 2005 Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Present: Gloria Anderson, Kathleen Clegg, Patt Clement, Cheryl Ervin, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Ric Hogerheide, Dara Knill, Jim Kubaiko, Paul Kubicek, Anne Richardson, Debs Roush, Steve Schwartz, Jeff Siegel, Larry Simpson, Deb Todd, Colette Ward, Julie Winkelstern
Ex-Officio Members: Lynn Boza (for Rosanne Renauer), Mark Larson, Jacquelyn Thompson

Absent: Cindy Anderson, Pansy Coleman, Sheri Falvay, Janice Fialka, Elaine High, Jill Jacobs, Patricia Keller, Lee Martin, Jerry Oermann, Dodie Raycraft, Michele Robinson, Chuck Saur, Julie Shore, Randall VanGasse

OSE/EIS Staff:

Guests: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Michelle Driscoll, Maggie Kolk, Sandi Laham

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patt Clement.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests attending the meeting were introduced.

Amend/Approve Proposed Agenda

The agenda of the April 6, 2005 meeting was considered. Ric Hogerheide moved, seconded by Paul Kubicek, to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried.

Amend/Approve Minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2005 meeting were considered. Cheryl Ervin moved, seconded by Ric Hogerheide, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Member Issues

None

Chairperson's Report – Patt Clement

A. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Slate of Nominations

Following today's meeting the newly elected 2005-06 executive committee will meet to determine nominations for chair and vice chair. Ballots will be mailed out this month.

B. David Brock

David Brock will retire on June 30.

C. OSEP Leadership Conference

Patt attended the OSEP Leadership Conference in March with Pat Keller, Beth Steenwyk, and Jacquelyn Thompson. She found it enjoyable and learned a lot. Jacquelyn mentioned that the content of this year's conference was better than that of the last several years.

State Reports – Jacquelyn Thompson

A. Update: State Board of Education meeting

The 2005-06 SEAC nominations will be on the May Board of Education agenda.

B. Update: IDEIA 2004 Reauthorization Activities

According to the new law, the final regulations must be promulgated by December. To this end, the proposed federal regulations will be out for public comment in May. There are meetings scheduled across the country in late May and into June where comment will be given. Jacquelyn will attend the Chicago meeting on behalf of the board of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education. Someone from the Department will also comment. The Department hopes to have a summary of the regulations to share with the SEAC at the June meeting.

The Department is developing training on the new law. It will be a multi-year, leadership-focused training involving administrators, providers, and parent leaders.

C. UPDATE: MDE OSE/EIS Activities

Staff from the Department are in Washington DC this week getting an overview of implementation obligations and submission of eligibility for continued federal funding. Eligibility documents will be submitted May 9 containing a timeline of activities identifying what must be done to come into compliance with the new IDEIA.

A 60-day public comment period will begin on April 15 that will include a number of documents contributing to coming into compliance, as has been mentioned by David in recent SEAC meetings.

The data-based Annual Performance Report was completed and submitted in March. The new IDEIA requires a state performance plan be submitted by December. Department staff will attend training on that report over the summer. The Department plans to involve the SEAC in examining the data for future reports. To that end, pieces of the current APR will be brought to the June 22 joint SEAC/SICC meeting.

Information Items

None

Action Items

A. SEAC Bylaws

Patt Clement mentioned that the copy of the bylaws distributed at this meeting has a few typographical errors. Since the bylaws must be updated annually, Jacquelyn suggested that this version of the bylaws be approved and any outstanding non-compliance issues be addressed early next year. Ric Hogerheide moved, seconded by Gloria Anderson, that the bylaws be approved with correction of any typographical and grammatical errors. Kathleen Clegg asked if this version of the bylaws remains in effect for all of next year if it is approved today. Patt explained that the bylaws would be examined earlier next year so that they would be updated and approved earlier in the year. Gloria Anderson asked what would be done about PIAM's vacant seat. Patt explained that the executive committee decided that next year's executive committee would examine the issue after the new requirements by IDEIA are understood. The procedure outlined in the bylaws will be followed at that time. The motion carried.

Ex-Officio Reports

Institutions of Higher Education – Mark Larson – None

Michigan Department of Community Health – Sheri Falvay – None

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth/Rehabilitation Services – Lynn Boza (for Rosanne Renauer) – The state director of Michigan Rehabilitation Services is a member

of a group called the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR). The CSAVR head, Carl Suter, requested data for a presentation he needed to make. The compiled data is provided to the committee of the whole today in a handout entitled, "Youth Services Report for CSAVR." Jacquelyn elaborated that the national state directors group and the national rehabilitation directors group have spent a year in dialogue around shared responsibilities. SEAC may want to consider providing input on the reauthorization of what is "rehab services."

Family Independence Agency – Lee Martin – None

Michigan Department of Corrections – Michele Robinson – None

Committee Reports

A. General Supervision – Ric Hogerheide

Sandi Laham obtained pamphlets on intermediate school districts for distribution. Last month the subcommittee discussed ways to prepare the SEAC membership for making decisions on June 22 at the joint SEAC/SICC meeting. Ric encouraged all SEAC members to read the material on the public comment when it is available and submit questions in advance so answers can be provided by the day of the meeting. Ric also encouraged members to speak up and raise the issues that are important to them.

B. School Age – Steve Schwartz

Steve reported that the seclusion/restraint recommendation was acted on at last month's meeting. The subcommittee is now looking to move on to the next stage, high school redesign. The issue is large enough that it will be introduced to and discussed by the committee of the whole following this meeting. Anne Richardson asked if the final document decided upon for seclusion/restraint was available. Patt Clement will make sure that the document as approved by the SEAC gets out on the listserv.

C. Secondary Transition – Julie Winkelstern

Cindy Anderson worked on a document on transition and pupil accounting rules that will be brought to the SEAC next month for discussion. The subcommittee will not meet today.

Member Announcements

Gloria Anderson mentioned that the American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA) has worked on the Response to Intervention model. There are online trainings available all next year. As an organization, ASHA is interested in discovering how they can work with the state to make this long distance learning available. Jacquelyn responded that the new law says that states may not mandate a discrepancy model. Michigan's rule currently does, so that will change. The Department is bringing together a response to intervention workgroup

that will begin with a document commissioned by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education. A state self-assessment of will also serve as a starting point. Discussion followed.

The Arc Michigan will hold its annual conference in June in Midland at the Ashman Hotel. Patt will bring additional information on the conference next month.

Future Agenda Consideration

Kathy Barker will present on the Continuous Improvement Monitoring System model and the Annual Performance Report next month.

Ric Hogerheide moved, seconded by Kathleen Clegg, to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to subcommittee meetings.

Amanda Whitehead
Recording Secretary

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Committee
Minutes of April 6, 2005 Meeting
8:45 a.m.

Present: Patt Clement, Ric Hogerheide, Sandi Laham, Debs Roush, Steve Schwartz, Larry Simpson, Jacquelyn Thompson, Collette Ward
Absent: Elaine High

Review of Today's Agenda

No presentations are scheduled for today's meeting. There are no information items, but the final version of the bylaws, with some typographical errors that need correction, will be acted on today. The agenda for today's meeting looks short, so Jacquelyn Thompson will lead a discussion on the upcoming high school redesign work after the meeting is adjourned.

State Department Report

Jacquelyn announced that the Annual Performance Report was submitted last week. The document is about 165 pages long and includes a lot of data. The State Performance Plan is due in December, so work on that document will begin immediately. A presentation on implementation plans for IDEIA will go before the Board of Education over the summer. That plan may be shared with SEAC in October.

A 60-day public comment period will begin April 15 and will include the new IEP manual and form and procedural safeguards, both of which align with the new law.

David Brock retires on June 30.

Nominations for the 2005-06 SEAC will be acted on in the May Board of Education meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Ric Hogerheide reported that the general supervision subcommittee discussed ideas for preparing SEAC members to act on the items raised at the June 22 joint SEAC/SICC meeting. The subcommittee decided to encourage the committee of the whole to review the documents when they become available and submit questions prior to the meeting so all information can be provided in time to take action on the 22nd.

Steve Schwartz reported that the school age subcommittee completed their work on the seclusion and restraint issue that was acted on by the committee of the whole last month.

No one in attendance at today's executive committee was present at last month's secondary transition subcommittee meeting. Patt announced that the subcommittee will not meet today.

Future Agenda Development

Parameters for guest speakers will be discussed at next month's meeting. Debs Roush will email the proposed parameters to the executive committee and Amanda Whitehead will include hard copies to the executive committee in next month's mailing.

Kathy Barker will discuss the Continuous Improvement Monitoring System model and the Annual Performance Report at the May meeting.

Other Issues

Patt Clement suggested that the issue related to the lack of a standard for educational loss raised by Deb Todd at a previous meeting be assigned to a subcommittee next year. Jacquelyn suggested the possibility of a procedure developed by the subcommittee to go out for public comment next year. Patt will inform Deb of the decision.

There are several membership-related issues that need attention including, but not limited to, PIAM's vacant seat and compliance with federal and state statutes, IDEIA requirements, SEAC bylaws, and the SEAC Defined Rotation Grid. Jacquelyn suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to examine and address all of these issues. Colette Ward, Debs, Patt, and Sandi Laham volunteered to work on the issue via conference call.

Colette reminded the group that the general supervision subcommittee requested a definition of "referent group" and the Department never fulfilled that request. She also inquired as to the status of the parent referent group. Jacquelyn explained that the group has not been formed yet. Finally, Colette asked what became of the questions forwarded by the general supervision subcommittee to the Department for the parent referent group. Jacquelyn stated that the issue would be looked into.